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DIGITAL REPRODUCING APPARATUS,  
DIGITAL RECORDING/REPRODUCING  
APPARATUS, ENCRYPTION APPARATUS,  
DECRYPTION APPARATUS, ENCRYPTION  
METHOD, AND DECRYPTION METHOD**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This amendment includes:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 13 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 18 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 19 of this paper.